



# TOMPKINS COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## **EMC RESOLUTION NO. 3-2002 - SUPPORT FOR CONDUCTING A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR DETAILED STUDIES OF SURFICIAL AQUIFERS IN TOMPKINS COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the public health and the economic and environmental well-being of Tompkins County and its residents are dependent on safe and dependable supplies of drinking water, and

WHEREAS, water supplies in Tompkins County originate from, or mix with, underground water sources and aquifers,

WHEREAS, it is possible to perform detailed studies of these underground water supplies and aquifers to better understand their hydrologic characteristics, and

WHEREAS, a needs assessment for detailed studies of surficial aquifers in Tompkins County will determine the appropriate methods of investigation, and accurate cost estimates to complete detailed aquifer studies, and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the needs assessment for surficial aquifers in Tompkins County conducted by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is \$7,500, and

WHEREAS, the USGS will contribute 30% towards the cost of the needs assessment if Tompkins County enters into a contract with the USGS this fiscal year, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Tompkins County Environmental Management Council urges the Tompkins County Board of Representatives to contract with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct a needs assessment for the preparation of detailed aquifer studies in Tompkins County.

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Date: May 8, 2002  
Passed Unanimously